POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing
June 2, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Yoder, Vice-Chairman Moore, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Melton, and Commissioner Hargett. Also present were Manager Pittman, Clerk to the Board Freeman, media and citizens.

Absent: Attorney Berg.

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2025/2026 Budget

   A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Yoder. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed FY 2025/26 budget. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin. A copy of the County Manager's recommended budget for FY 2025/26 is available for review on the County website, www.polknc.gov, or in the County Manager's Office located in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St., Columbus.

   B. Citizen Comments

   There was one citizen comment.

2. Commissioner Comments

   The Commissioners collectively thanked everyone who attended the public hearing.

   Manager Pittman also provided an update on the ongoing tax appeal hearings by the Equalization and Review Board. He said that while the hope is that the FY 2025/26 recommended tax rate will not change from .4342, there is still a possibility of an increase depending on the outcome of the hearings. Pittman stated that the Equalization and Review Board has numerous appeals to process, including several large businesses within the county. The county is committed to working diligently to maintain the tax rate at 0.43.

3. Adjourn the Public Hearing

   Commissioner Melton moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moore, and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Kennedy E Freeman
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman